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**NOTICE OF MEETING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INTENT TO ACT
UPON AMENDMENTS TO THE NEVADA MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL and
ATTACHMENT 4.19-b OF NEVADA'S STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID**

AGENDA

Date of Publication: November 5, 2004

Date and Time of Meeting: December 7, 2004, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Name of Organization: The State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Public Utilities Commission
1150 E. William St
Hearing Room A
Carson City, NV 89701

Place of Video-Conference: Public Utilities Commission
101 Convention Center Dr. Ste 250
Hearing Room A
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Subject: Nevada Medicaid Service Manuals (MSM) and Nevada State Plan for Medicaid

**1. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to MSM
Chapter 300 – Radiology Services**

303.7 Sleep Studies, Polysomnography, MSLT – Change language to two services in a 12 month period without prior authorization. If this is exceeded then prior authorization is required from the QIO vendor.

303.7D – Authorization Process – Change language from “submit the following documentation with the prior authorization request” to, “submit the following documentation when prior authorization is required”.

Historically prior authorization was needed for out patient sleep studies. There was considerable confusion surrounding the professional and technical aspect of the prior authorization. Due to

this, and considering most prior authorizations for sleep studies were approved, we are changing the policy to two services in twelve months without prior authorization. Services exceeding this limitation will need prior authorization.

2. Public Comment for Chapter 300

3. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to MSM Chapter 400 – Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services

Historically Medicaid reimbursed electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) as part of the treatment plan for hospitalized recipients. A PA was approved for the hospital admission. Since technology has advanced in treatment of mental disorders, ECT is used primarily for depression and acute psychotic episodes in Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorders in an outpatient setting. A low voltage alternating current is used to induce a generalized seizure that is monitored electrographically while the patient is under general anesthesia and muscle relaxation. Sec. 403.6 adds new policy Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

4. Public Comment for Chapter 400

5. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to MSM Chapter 1000 – Dental

Sec. 1003.5A1 – Prosthodontics Services – Change some of the wording of this Section to be clear and concise regarding the intent of the 5 year dentures and partial dentures rule.

Sec. 1003.7A – Orthodontics – Change wording to make clearer the references to another state agency for orthodontia services clearer.

Sec. 1003.7.C.14 – Orthodontics – In order to simplify the payment procedure, prior authorization and payments for orthodontic services for managed care recipients in Southern Nevada will now be processed directly through the DHCFP's fiscal agent. The proposed procedure change will simply require the orthodontic provider in southern Nevada to receive a referral for treatment from the UNLV SODM. The orthodontist will send his request for treatment to FHSC for authorization. This process mirrors the current orthodontic procedure in the north where managed care recipients receive dental services through FFS and the FFS dental providers refer recipients to the orthodontist.

6. Public Comment for Chapter 1000

7. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to MSM Chapter 3100 – Hearings

The current policy, in Chapter 3100 Hearings, was not clear enough for interpretation. The statement “30 days” could be interpreted by recipients or providers as starting from the receipt of the denial letter instead of from the date of the denial. This new wording clarified Nevada Medicaid’s full intent of the meaning of 30 calendar days from the date of Medicaid’s denial letter.

8. Public Comment for Chapter 3100

9. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to Nevada’s State Plan – School Based Child Health Services

Attachment 3.1-A, Page 6c – The SPA updates Nevada’s State Plan by clarifying and further documenting existing School Based Child Health Services policy to conform to the directives of the CMS letter to State Medicaid Directors dated May 21, 1999.

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 5 – The SPA adds a new page to Nevada’s State Plan documenting rate setting methodology for School Based Child Health Services.

10. Public Comment for School Based Child Health Services

11. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to Nevada’s State Plan – Home Infusion Therapy Dispensing Fees

Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3, Section 12.a.6 – The SPA updates Nevada’s State Plan by clarifying and documenting existing policy. It changes Home Infusion Therapy dispensing fees from a per dose amount to a daily amount consistent with current policy and payment methodology.

12. Public Comment for Home Infusion Therapy Dispensing Fees

13. General Public Comments limited to 5 minutes per person.

14. *Adjournment

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to this public hearing.

*** Denotes items, including subparts, on which action may be taken.**

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